

Saint Pius X Catholic Church



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Bereavement

Ladies Guild

Minister Scheduler

Michelle Witkowski

Altar Society

Earline Davis

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass	9:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
First Friday & Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Daily Mass	
Tuesday - Friday	8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Baptism/Matrimony	Contact Office
Reconciliation	3:30 Saturday and by appointment

R.C.I.A. Wednesday 6:30
September - Pentecost

Care of the Sick

Fr. Joe Pat McDowell
222-2165 221-6321

Welcome New Parishioners

Please register with the Parish Office

St. Pius Child Development Center

Fully Licensed Facility

Accepting children ages 1 year through 5 years
Susan Lanier, Director. 318-425-2192

First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2, 2018

Jeremiah 33:14-16;

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

The First Sunday of Advent is often thought of as the beginning of the Church year. A good case can be made for thinking of Easter as the real beginning of newness. But at least, today, we begin a new series of Scripture readings.

During this new liturgical year, outside of Lent and Easter, our Gospel readings for the most part will be taken from the Gospel according to Luke. (This past liturgical year they were taken from Mark; next liturgical year they will be taken from Matthew.)

Advent means "Coming." We renew our hope in the three "Comings" of Christ: His Coming in history (at Bethlehem and in his public life); his Coming in mystery (in each Eucharist and moment of grace); and his Coming in majesty (the "Second Coming" or Parousia at the end of the world).

Advent is a time of preparation, of hope, and of joy. We prepare for Christmas by realizing its true meaning. We also prepare for the Coming of the Lord in Holy Communion and in each moment of grace. And we must prepare for his final Coming by living each day as if it may be our last.

We renew our hope. God has not abandoned us! He sent his Son to save us; he has sent his Spirit into our hearts; nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. Our attitude toward this world and toward life must always be different because Christ has come, will come, and does come!

Finally, if we become a people of hope, we can also be a people of joy even though there is still suffering in the world. We do our best to care for those in need, but when we are helpless we still proclaim hope and joy: For everlasting joy awaits all of us in heaven.

During the Advent season, part of our preparation is to deny ourselves certain "liturgical joys" as we prepare for the great festival of Christmas. The organ and other instruments are not played solo, and are used only if needed to sustain the singing. Flowers are not permitted in church during Advent, except on the Third Sunday. The "Glory to God" is omitted from Advent Masses. These are reminders of the glorious joy which will come on Christmas.

It is difficult to think of preparation and hope when the world is already celebrating Christmas. But somehow we must realize that preparation is necessary if we truly appreciate the Coming of the Lord.

Our first reading speaks of a "righteous shoot" which shall come from David. This surely contradicted the experience of God's people with centuries of worthless descendants of David! The second reading is Paul's hope that the Lord strengthen us so that we shall always be prepared for the glorious Coming of the Lord. The Gospel is taken from Jesus' Eschatological Sermon - the Sermon on the Last Things. If the world were to end today, would we be ready for Christ's Coming?

--Msgr. William Carr

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God in St. Pius X Church, Shreveport, LA., choose to serve God faithfully in our commitment to evangelize, to catechize, and to build community with the people of North Shreveport. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to build God's Kingdom by living and learning more deeply the Word of God and regularly participating in the Sacraments. We cherish the Traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. We shall promote peace and justice, as we strive to develop leadership who will continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. By accomplishing this, we build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Monday** * 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meet in Rm 10 on 2nd & 4th Mondays
 * The Prayer Quilt Group meets every 1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday** * 9:00 a.m. Rosary in the church
 * PSR from 6:30-7:30 pm; First class is on *Sept., 2018 thru April 2019
 * Ladies Guild Meeting-2nd Wed. of the month @10:00 a.m. in Rm 9
 *RCIA @ 6:30 pm in Room 9
 First class is Sept. 12,2018 thru April 2019
- Thursday** * 9:00 a.m. Altar Society
 * 6:10 p.m. Choir Practice
 * Parish Council meets the third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in Rm 10
 * LEGS Meeting every 2nd Thursday @ 6:00pm
- Friday** * Men's Prayer Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass
- Saturday** * 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 * First Saturday of every month-Marian Devotional Mass @ 8:00 am / Rosary@ 8:30 am
- Sunday** * Children's Liturgy @ 11:00 a.m. Mass
 * Youth Council meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday at noon

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 12-01 4:30 pm - Celebrant's Intentions
 Sun. 12-02 10:00 am - Rose Audrey Patton
 Catherine Liberto, James Francis Hoang, In Thanksgiving
 Wanda Murphy, Joe Scales, Tony Fontenot, James & Bertha
 Monette
- Tues. 12-04 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
 Wed. 12-05 8:00 am - Andrew Vu
 Thurs. 12-06 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
- Fri. 12-07 8:00 am - Tony Fontenot, Aubrey Jordan,
 Barbara Jordan, Gaynelle Jordan
- Fri. 12-07 6:30 pm** - Peggy Crenshaw
 Special Intention
Vigil Mass -Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation



December Sanctuary Candle Schempp Family

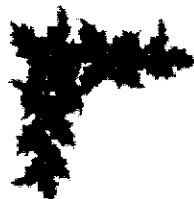
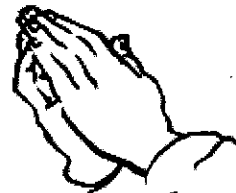
READINGS

Mon. Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11 (175)
Tues. Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24 (176)
Wed. Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37 (177)
Thurs. Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)
Fri. Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31 (179)

National Retirement Fund for Religious Collection on December 8-9

ATTENDANCE WK 11-17/11-18 ~ 224
ATTENDANCE WK 11-24/11-25 ~ 217

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament is every
Wednesday during Advent.**
Please sign up!



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The Ladies Guild will host its annual Christmas luncheon at the Fairfield Manor, 2300 Fairfield, Shreveport, on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at a cost of \$25 per person. We would like to extend an open invitation to the ladies of the Parish to join us for this special occasion. If you would like to attend, please send your \$25 check to Meredith Forrester at 755 Jenkins Road, Shreveport, LA 71107 no later than Friday, December 7.



Coffee, Donuts and a Whole Lot More!

Come join us on Sundays between the masses for coffee and refreshments. It's a great opportunity to "catch-up" with other parishioners and meet new ones. Please help us keep this ministry "cookin" by volunteering to host a weekend. It can be as simple as donuts or as elaborate as you wish to provide.

Dec. 2 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 9 Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in sponsoring hospitality on Sunday, please call Ed Antici @ 425-7113.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Ladies of Christ The King and Mary Queen of Peace will host an Old Fashion Christmas luncheon/meeting of the Catholic Women's League on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018**. Registration will start at 9:30 am and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 am. It will be held at Christ the King Church Hall at 425 McCormick St., Bossier City, LA 71111. **PLEASE BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY FOR EITHER BOY OR GIRL FOR CHRISTMAS TO BE DONATED TO THE DRIVE FOR "TOYS FOR TOTS."** Canned goods and used clothing items will be collected for the host Church charity of their choice. Please bring your "White Elephant" items in a gift bag. These items will sell for 50 cents. We will have our regular meeting, a guest speaker, lunch and there will be door prizes!! **Psst ~ we may get a surprise visit from Santa!!**



Place your *poinsettia order* now for your loved ones!

**The Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion on Sunday,
December 9, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. PIUS X WITH A POTLUCK DINNER on Sunday, December 2nd after 10:00 am Mass. The meat, rice & gravy will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad, casserole or dessert!! **And, very special guests named Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be dropping by!!**

2018 Advent Reconciliation Services

Parish	Date	Time
St. John School	Wed. Dec. 5	8:15 am
Loyola Prep School	Wed. Dec. 5	9:30 am
Christ the King	Wed. Dec. 5	6:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament	Thur. Dec. 6	6:00 pm
St. Joseph School	Fri. Dec. 7	9:30 am

More future dates to come.

St. Pius' Sunday Mass Time Change!

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd, **St. Pius' Sunday Mass time will be at 10 am.** This is also the Sunday for our St. Pius Christmas Party (which will begin at 11:30 am). We will offer Hospitality from 9 am to 9:45 am. We will offer Adult Education after the 10 am Mass, beginning at 11:30 am. Please pray for our congregation and our parish during our transition period.



Please Pray For The Health Of: Michael Chin, Ken Treadway, Claudine Hart, Wally Burdges, Cathy Robinson, Terry Primos, Robert Remedies, Logan Wynne, Cathy Norris, Clyde & Jane Benson, Melody & Jim Nessmith, Carolyn Hamric, Sam Ballistrella (Friend of Jeff Chapman) Diane Mondello, Melissa Sanders, Wm. R. Hennigan, Mary Hennigan, Mike & Roxanne Douglas, Yvonne Micinski, James Horne, Cole Pasquier (gson of Martha Pasquier), Rachel B., Kathryn B., Alana Zenaitaitis, D. Phillips, Anna Humphrey, Mary Camden, Ann Dykes, Gaynelle Cascio, Eric LeBrocq, Mark Kapera, Ashley Davis, Kenny Scala, Emma Richard, Curtis Elkins & Family, Carla Smith (Joe & Carol Southard's dtr.), Larry McCord, Jean McConnell, Robert Landry, Kim Carney, Hunter Mayeaux, Louis Landry, Erick Richard, Catherine Whitehead, Gary Loftin, Mark Cascio, Michael Pierce, Charlotte Emma Graham, Anne Carney, Bettie Shelton, Pam Strickland, Suzie Linder, Mike Roy, Rex McDonald (Chuck Davis' brother-in-law), Larry Nohra, Stephen Bennett, Sarah Knick, Hal Wilbanks

Pray for the Repose of the Soul: Ritchie Sanders, Dorothy Matthews, Darren Davis



FOOD PANTRY

For Your Information!!

In 2017, we helped 784 families of which 1,219 were adults and 1,045 were children totaling 2,264 people!!

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Item needed is: Grits, Mac & cheese, canned meat. The pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Call Mary Jane Terry at 425-7663 if you are interested in volunteering.

Schedule

	Tuesdays	Thursdays
1st	Cynthia McCord	1st Covered
2nd	Barbara Morgan	2nd Covered
3rd	Anne Raymond	3rd Earline Davis
4th	Barbara Morgan	4th Covered